IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

AGREED EMERGENCY¹ MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE SCHEDULES AND STATEMENTS

THIS MOTION SEEKS AN ORDER THAT MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT YOU. IF YOU OPPOSE THE MOTION, YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THE MOVING PARTY TO RESOLVE THE DISPUTE. IF YOU AND THE MOVING PARTY CANNOT AGREE, YOU MUST FILE A RESPONSE AND SEND A COPY TO THE MOVING PARTY. YOU MUST FILE AND SERVE YOUR RESPONSE WITHIN 15 DAYS OF THE DATE THIS WAS SERVED ON YOU. YOUR RESPONSE MUST STATE WHY THE MOTION SHOULD NOT BE GRANTED. IF YOU DO NOT FILE A TIMELY RESPONSE, THE RELIEF MAY BE GRANTED WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE TO YOU. IF YOU OPPOSE THE MOTION AND HAVE NOT REACHED AN AGREEMENT, YOU MUST ATTEND THE HEARING. UNLESS THE PARTIES AGREE OTHERWISE, THE COURT MAY CONSIDER EVIDENCE AT THE HEARING AND MAY DECIDE THE MOTION AT THE HEARING.

REPRESENTED PARTIES SHOULD ACT THROUGH THEIR ATTORNEYS.

TO THE HONORABLE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

The Debtor files this *Motion for Extension of Time to file Schedules and Statements of Financial Affairs* (the "Motion"), and states as follows.

Factual Background

1. This Chapter 11 case was filed on October 24, 2008, on an emergency basis with no preparation. The Schedules and Statement of Financial Affairs are due today. Counsel has worked diligently since employment to create schedules and work with the debtor's bookkeepers and creditors. The Debtor requests an additional 10 days from today to complete its schedules.

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¹ Pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1007(c), the United States Trustee, and any committee are the only parties required to receive notice of this pleading. There is no committee and the United States Trustee agrees to the relief sought herein.

- 2. The Debtor was a party to complex transactions, including a \$42 Million debenture offering that consists of four hard-bound volumes stacked over 2 feet high, a series of complex intercompany transfers with Lavell Systems, FCC licenses, service agreements and even contracts with the Military. The Schedules and Statement of Financial Affairs are being prepared and are generally accurate. However, this counsel takes the duties of disclosure seriously.
- 3. This Court has repeatedly cautioned that "The three most important words in bankruptcy are: disclose, disclose, disclose." *In re Sanchez*, 372 B.R. 289, 305 (Bankr. S.D. Tex. 2007). *Havis v. AIG SunAmerica Life Assur. Co. (In re Bossart)*, 2007 Bankr. LEXIS 4349 (Bankr. S.D. Tex. 2007).
- 4. The Debtor, rather than file incomplete or confusing schedules, is endeavoring to file schedules that fully disclose:
 - a. The security position of the debenture holders.
 - b. The intercompany transfers for routine expenses,
 - c. Non-routine transfers, and
 - d. All executory contracts, permits, and assets held for the benefit of others.
- 5. The Debtor's financial statements and books have been kept by professionals <u>and</u> <u>audited by Deloitte</u>. This is not the situation of a debtor with insufficient recordkeeping. If anything, it is a case of a debtor whose recordkeeping, though helpful for a public offering, is too intricate for rapid creation of bankruptcy schedules.
 - 6. There is no committee appointed in this case and no Section 1104 trustee.
- 7. This is not a proceeding under Chapter 11 by a "small business debtor" as that term is defined in 11 U.S.C. §101(51D).

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Legal Authority

- 8. This Court has jurisdiction over these cases pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § § 157, 1334.
- 9. This is a core proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2)(A).
- 10. Venue of the Debtor's Chapter 11 case is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1409.
- 11. The Debtor's duty to file Schedules and Statements is established under 11 U.S.C. §521(a) and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1007(a). The Debtor's deadline to file schedules under Rule 1007(c) is 15 days after the petition.
- 12. Rule 1007(c) permits an extension of the deadline to file schedules "for cause" and upon motion and notice to the Trustee and any committee appointed.
- 13. "Cause" under Rule 1007(c) is the same cause that exists under Rule 9006(b)(1), and is a highly discretionary standard. See, e.g., 10-9006 Collier on Bankruptcy-15th Edition Rev. P 9006.06. "Cause" is an easier threshold to meet when the request is made before the expiration of the deadline

Relief Requested

- 14. This request is made before the expiration of the deadline for submission of the schedules. The Debtor asks for this Court to extend the time to file schedules and statements of financial affairs by 10 days to November 20, 2008.
- 15. The extension sought is minimal and justified by the facts shown herein. The policies that support accurate disclosure also support the granting of a minimal 10 day extension so that the schedules will meet the Court's standard for disclosure.
- 16. Finally, the Debtor continues to discuss its reorganization with the senior secured lender.

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Certificate of Emergency and Conference

Pursuant to BLR 9013, the undersigned certifies that, in his opinion, an 17.

emergency exists inasmuch as the Debtor must know whether the deadline has been extended

and whether the debtor is complying with its disclosure obligations promptly.

consideration of the motion avoids prejudice to the debtor and uncertainty for the creditors as to

the effective deadline for schedules.

18. Under Bankruptcy Rule 1007(c), only the Trustee and Committee are required to

agree to extensions of this deadline. There is no committee. The undersigned represents that

Steven Statham, attorney for the U.S. Trustee, consents to this extension. Therefore, the request

order may be considered an agreed order.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Debtor asks that the Court extend the

deadline to file schedules and statements of financial affairs for an additional 10 days, to

November 20, 2008.

DATED: November 10, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on November 10, 2008 true and correct copies of the foregoing motion were forwarded by the ECF system and/or by U.S. first class mail, postage prepaid, on, all parties listed on the attached Master Service List.

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